
COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

The board will keep the community informed of the status of the schools through advertised public meetings, press releases and such other means as may be appropriate.

The public information program of the board and the district shall be directed by the superintendent; who shall arrange to keep the public informed regarding the policies, administrative operations, objectives, and successes or failures of the schools and shall provide interpretation and explanation of the schools' plans and programs.

The district's budget; its annual goals and its progress toward achievement of them; its special education plans; its basic skills improvement plan; its bilingual/ESL program; pupil progress; graduation statistics and any other information shall be communicated to the public as required by law.

The board's meetings and records shall be a matter of public information except as such meetings and records pertain to individual personnel and other classified matters.

Each year by September 30 the superintendent shall oversee the compilation of a report card of each school in the district that includes all statistical information specified by the State Department of Education and any additional information required by federal law. The report card shall be disseminated to staff and parents/guardians and made available to the media and other interested members of the school community.

Date: February 11, 2004

Legal References:

<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	10:4-6 et seq.	Open Public Meetings Act
<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:7E-2 through -5	School report card program
<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	47:1A-1 et seq.	Examination and copies of public records ("Open Public Records Act")
<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	6:8-2.1	Quality assurance annual report
<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	6:8-2.2	School-level planning
<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	6A:23-8.1 et seq.	Budget Development, Review and Approval

See particularly:

N.J.A.C. 6A:23-8.3

N.J.A.C. 6A:30-1.4(a)1 Evaluation process for the annual review

**No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Pub. L. 107-110, 20 U.S.C.A. 6301 et seq.
Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts (September 2002)**

Possible Cross References:

1000-1010 Concepts and roles in community relations, goals and objectives
1120 Board of education meetings
2240 Research, evaluation and planning
3570 District records and reports
5124 Reporting to parents/guardians
6142.2 English as a second language, bilingual/bicultural
6142.6 Basic skills
6142.10 Technology
6171.1 Remedial instruction
6171.3 At-risk and Title 1
6171.4 Special education
6300 Evaluation of the instructional program